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FOLLOWING REPEAT CAIRO 9639 SENT ACTION SECSTATE DTD 28 SEP

QUOTE:

S E C R E T CAIRO 9639

NODIS CHEROKEE

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ISRAELI CARGO THROUGH SUEZ CANAL

REF: STATE 231061

1. I MET WITH FAHMY TODAY TO THANK HIM FOR HIS UNDERSTANDING AND CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTION ON THE ISRAELI CARGO ISSUE. I TOLD HIM WE ACCEPT HIS JUDGMENT AND LEAVE IT TO HIM TO BRING PRESIDENT SADAT AROUND. SHOULD IT SEEM NECESSARY, YOU MIGHT STILL WISH ME TO TALK TO THE PRESIDENT ABOUT THE MATTER. WE CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT TO PIN DOWN OCT 22 DATE PRIOR TO US IONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON US PROPOSAL AND ISRAELI SIGNATURE OF THE PROTOCOL, WHICH WE ARE MAKING A MAJOR EFFORT TO ACHIEVE BY THE END OF
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NEXT WEEK. I RECALLED HE HAD SAID THAT, IF WE WISH, HE WOULD TAKE

THE MATTER TO THE PRESIDENT AND TRY TO OBTAIN HIS APPROVAL AND THAT THIS MIGHT TAKE THREE OR FOUR DAYS. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF HE DID SO.

2. FAHMY REAFFIRMED HIS PROPOSED OCT 22 DATE. HE SAID HE WILL DISCUSS IT WITH THE PRESIDENT TONIGHT, PRIOR TO OR AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S MAJOR POLICY ADDRESS. (#3 297) \$) 35 7 (, 92 - -0.

3. FAHMY EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE OCT 22 DATE, IF APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT, MIGHT BE GIVEN TO THE CONGRESS. THEY WILL LEAK IT. SO FAR AS GIVING IT TO THE ISRAELIS, HE THOUGHT THIS OUGHT NOT TO BE DONE UNTIL AROUND OCT 7 OR SO. EVEN THEN, THE ISRAELIS SHOULD BE ASKED NOT TO LEAK THE DATE. IF IT LEAKS PREMATURELY, THERE IS NO TELLING HOW SADAT MIGHT REACT. HE MIGHT CANCEL THE ARRANGEMENT.

4. RE PARA 2 REFTTEL, I SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT EGYPTIAN REACTION TO ISRAELI PROPOSITION WOULD BE NEGATIVE--AT LEAST RIGHT NOW--AND DIDHNOT RPT NOT RAISE IT.
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